

LONDON AT LAST TO GET SOME OF OUR GOLD.

About Five Millions, It Is Expected, Will Be Shipped to England To-day on the Lucania.

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It Is Required by London Bankers to Meet January 1 Payments --- Further Exportations This Month Unlikely.

Gold will leave this port for Europe to-day, for \$1,700,000 has already been engaged for transportation on the steamship Lucania. As the vessel will not leave her dock until 2 o'clock in the afternoon, it is not unlikely that additional engagements will be made before the hour of sailing.

It is generally believed in financial circles that at least \$5,000,000 will be sent abroad to relieve the stringency in the London market.

Of the amount to be exported to-day, \$1,000,000 has been taken from the Sub-Treasury direct. One lot of \$500,000 was taken by Baring, Messers & Co., which firm will also ship it. Another lot of \$500,000 was withdrawn by the National Park Bank and turned over to August Belmont & Co., who appear as shippers.

Kuhn, Loeb & Co. will forward \$700,000, all of which was obtained from the vaults of the National City Bank. This gold was brought here from Canada and turned over to the National City Bank principally by the Bank of British North America.

As gold is required by the bankers in England with which to meet requirements on January 1, it is not expected that unless under unusual contingencies other shipments will be made prior to that time, aside from the amount leaving to-day.

The only steamship leaving this port next week upon which gold can be sent is the Etruria, which leaves on Saturday, December 23. As this is a seven-day boat, consignments upon it might not reach London in time to be available for the January payment.

Rumors were current in Wall Street that the National City Bank was preparing to loan \$10,000,000 in London, and would make shipments against exchange sold to that extent. Inquiries at the bank, however, were met by the positive statement that at present the institution was not contemplating gold exports. Messrs. Lazard Freres were figured upon shipments, but late in the day stated that unless there was an increase in their requirements abroad they would not make any exportations at present.

CUPID IN LEADING STRINGS IN JERSEY.

Newly Organized "Girl Bachelors," of Vineland, Will Try Club Members for Being in Love.

Young men of Vineland, N. J., are in trouble. All the pretty girls in the place have joined the Bachelor Girls' Club which was organized last night. Here are the officers: Miss Annie Nichols, president; Miss Nellie Todd, vice-president; Miss Nellie Fenton, secretary; Miss Edna Potts, treasurer.

Members guilty of having an escort from church or social gathering, other than a close relative, will be formally tried, and, if found guilty, subjected to a penalty ranging from fine to ostracism.

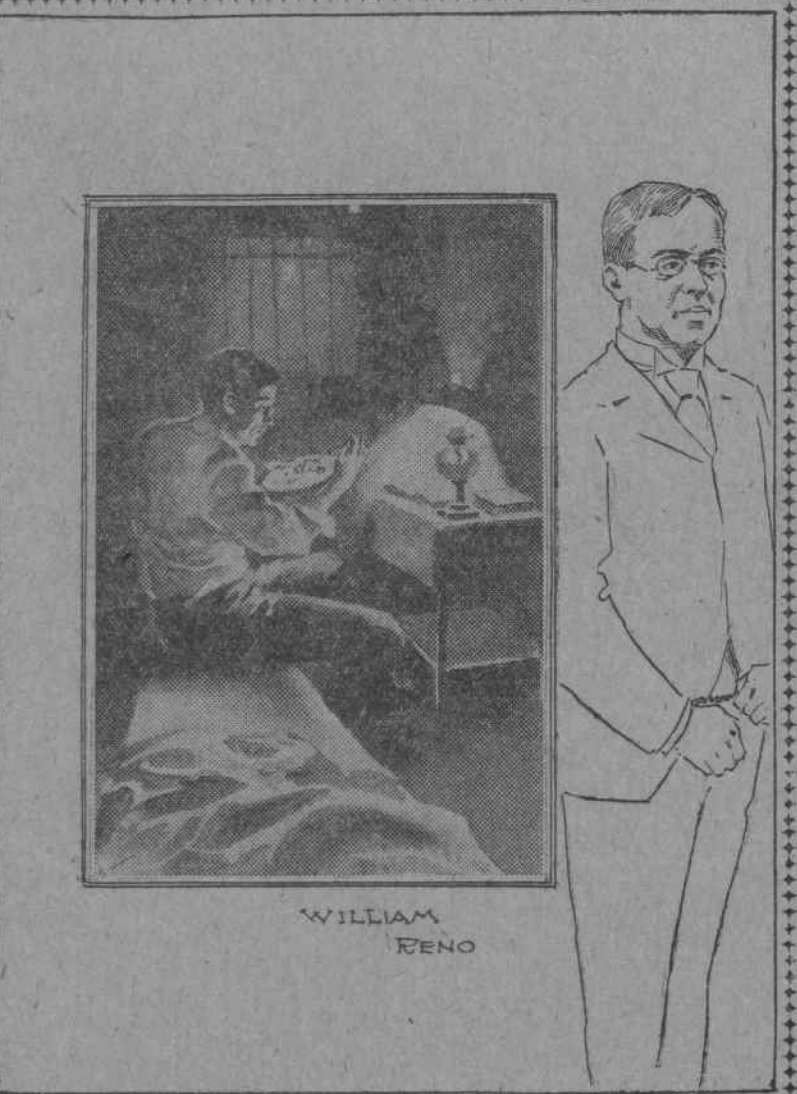
If the young man becomes persistent he will be "investigated" by the club. If found "nice" he will receive formal sanction to continue the courtship.

New Trial for Condemned Poisoner. Buffalo, Dec. 15.—Justice Rodger will hear arguments on a motion for a new trial for Howard C. Benham, now under sentence of death for wife murder.

The defense will try to prove that Benham was compelled to administer to his wife a medicine which he had prepared for himself.

Do not be discouraged that indigestion can be promptly cured by Johnson's Digestive Tablets.

CONVICT'S PLEA BRINGS FREEDOM.



William Reno, Convict, Goes Free.

He is forty years old, and has spent more than half of his life in prison. In the last twenty-two years he never has spent a Christmas out of jail. Yesterday he made such a strong plea for mercy when about to be sent back to prison that Judge Newburger suspended sentence on the man's promise to reform.

Has Spent Twenty-two Years in Prison and Never Ate a Christmas Dinner While at Liberty in That Time, but Will Do So Now.

Dazed by unexpected good fortune, William Reno, with his lips quivering and his eyes filled with tears, stepped upon New York's streets yesterday, a free man. It was his first free step or free breath for five years. A self-confessed criminal, his plea for mercy had been heeded, and he had been released instead of being condemned to another term.

"Reno," Judge Newburger had solemnly said to him, "for twenty-two years you have passed no Christmas outside of prison walls. You may spend the coming Christmas in freedom, and I hope you will never appear in a court again."

"I swear that I will lead an honest life!" cried the prisoner, brokenly.

Reno is forty years old. He was first sentenced to prison when eighteen years old. Since then he has spent barely a year, it all, outside of prison. He has served five

terms in Sing Sing, Auburn or Clinton. When sent after his release in the rooms of the Prison Association, No. 135 East Fifth street, he said:

"During my last term it came over me stronger than ever before that, come what would, I would lead an honest life. I thought about it day and night. But on being discharged last month, and before leaving the prison office, I found a detective awaiting me, and was arrested on an indictment five years old. You cannot imagine my hopelessness. I was guilty of the crime, but it seemed to me I had been punished enough. It seemed as if I ought to have some mercy and a chance to reform."

Brought back to the Tombs, and arraigned in court, he pleaded guilty, and yesterday was set for his sentence. Meanwhile he had attracted the attention of D. E. Kimball, of the Prison Association, to whom he told his story, and who encouraged him to make an effort for freedom. Reno thereupon wrote a letter to Judge Newburger, in which he promised to reform, told much of his past career and asked for the clemency which was extended to him.

POISON IN MAN'S TEA; FELLOW-WORKMAN HELD.

Employee of Chemical Works in Jersey City Is Dying and Watchman Is Accused.

Christian Hitt, an employee of the Mutual Chemical Works, Jersey City, is dying at the City Hospital from the effects of poison and Henry Bolzer, of No. 112 Morris street, is under arrest, charged with the crime.

Bolzer, who was a watchman at the works, accused Hitt recently of having reported him for sleeping on duty. On Wednesday night, four of Hitt's fellow workmen made affidavit, Bolzer poured into Hitt's dinner pail the contents of a bottle. They thought it some joke until Hitt, after drinking some tea from the pail, became deathly ill. Poison was afterward found in the tea.

SOUBRETTES RODE ON HOSE CART DRAGGED BY FIREMEN.

Seven Men of a Crack Passaic Company Will Be Tried for Being "Horses."

The Linsen Hose Company, the crack organization of Passaic, N. J., held a "smoker" two weeks ago, at which seven soubrettes from New York sang and danced themselves into the hearts of the amateur firemen.

At the conclusion of the performance the soubrettes were conducted to the Erie station, and placed on the hose wagon, which was drawn by seven of the company's members. Other members objected, and the seven gallants will be tried on Monday night on charges of violating the rules of the organization.

BAND OF ROBBING MAIDS, SAY POLICE.

Mystery in the Case of May Heinz Greatly Increases.

AT LEAST TWO CLARAS.

One Mistress Positively Identifies May, and Another Says "She's Not the One."

The police theory that May D. Heinz, the story of whose arrest twice within a week in Brooklyn and this borough for the alleged theft of valuables from houses where she was employed as a servant was told in yesterday's Journal, is one of an organized band of servant girl thieves was greatly strengthened yesterday.

Although Mrs. Bohanan, of No. 271 West Eleventh street, positively identified the young girl in the Jefferson Market Police Court as the person she had engaged on November 20 to do maid service and coincident with whose departure was the disappearance of many valuable articles, a Mrs. McEwen, whose boarding house at No. 78 Madison avenue, and who was robbed in a similar manner, was equally positive that the girl under arrest was not the girl she had employed. This was surprising, because several pieces of jewelry stolen from the Madison avenue house were found among the spoils captured in the room of May Heinz. If Mrs. McEwen had identified the girl the case would have been simple, but since she does not the mystery grows.

Their Methods Just Alike.

"There was," said Mrs. McEwen, "a great similarity in the way in which the girl I engaged and the one who went to Mrs. Bohanan acted. The letter of recommendation which was presented in each case was the same. I recall that it was signed by a Mrs. Miller, of West Twenty-third street, and that there was in it the phrase, 'a honest rather than an honest girl.' When I told the girl I would engage her and asked her how soon she would be ready to go to work, she replied, as she did to Mrs. Bohanan, 'I am ready to go to work now,' and then drew from under her cloak an apron. This apron I noticed was too long for her and not over clean. At Mrs. Bohanan's, too, the girl she engaged carried her apron with her."

"My maid had not been working three-quarters of an hour when I saw her coming down stairs. I asked her what she was doing and she said she was going home to tell her mother she had a position, and that she would bring her clothes back with her. I tried to make her stop until noon, but she pretended she had a bad toothache. In twenty minutes several of my boarders began to complain of losses."

Both Called 'Themselves "Claras."

"The girl told me that her name was Clara, which is another circumstance that agrees with Mrs. Bohanan's experience."

"However, my maid was not as tall as this girl; her complexion was much fairer, and I am perfectly certain that her eyes were a very light blue and not brown, as are the eyes of the prisoner."

May Heinz's case was continued in Jefferson Market Court until Monday, and her bail fixed at \$1,000. In the meantime Detectives Becker and Mitchell, of the Ralph avenue police station, Brooklyn, were engaged in trying to find some one who will correspond with Mrs. McEwen's description of her maid.

REVOKES PERMITS FOR "AUTOS" TO RUN IN THE PARK

Jesse Seligman and Isaac L. Rice Deprived of the Privilege by Clausen.

Commissioner Clausen has revoked the permits granted to Jesse Seligman, of No. 21 Broad street, and Isaac L. Rice, of No. 20 Broad street, to operate electric automobile carriages in Central Park.

The reason was that Rice's vehicle was stopped very few yards in the Park on Thursday by policemen. It was an old-fashioned electric car, fitted with girls. Mr. Clausen declares that only the new kind of carriages were provided for in the permit.

Seligman was seen at his residence, No. 11 East Sixty-ninth street, last evening. He said:

"Mr. Clausen takes this means of stopping the march of progress, but he can't do it. The automobile will eventually take the place of horses. I think Mr. Clausen's action in revoking my license is a piece of high-handed business."

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FORSOOK SOCIETY FOR A STAGE CAREER.



Miss Gertrude Lewis, Who Seeks Fame on the Stage.

Miss Gertrude Lewis, Daughter of a Rich San Francisco Merchant, Declared Wealth and Position Handicapped Her Ambition.

Few people who are amused in large audiences by the "Maneuvers of Jane" know that the charming young woman who plays the part of Miss Rowland was a society favorite of San Francisco, the daughter of William Lewis, a wealthy manufacturer of that city. Her present engagement is her first on the professional stage.

Miss Gertrude Lewis, from childhood's

early days, longed for fame on the stage. Her parents opposed her wish until they were convinced of her earnestness and her ability. A few weeks ago her father accompanied her to New York and discussed ways and means for her appearance on the New York stage.

Daniel Frohman was attracted by the young woman's manner and appearance and engaged her to play the part of Miss Rowland. The requirements are not great, but the friends of Miss Lewis were happy over her success in starting under favorable conditions. Her constant companion is Miss Hilda Sponer. They live together at the Broadway Central Hotel.

Miss Lewis is twenty years of age, tall, graceful in form and handsome of face. She has wavy brown hair, blue eyes and the bright, clear complexion of the California beauties.

WATCH OUT FOR XMAS THIEVES.

Journal Readers Warned at the Request of Business Houses.

Christmas thieves are holding their annual carnival, using all their old tricks and some new ones. Big jewelry and other retail establishments have written to the Journal asking that its readers be warned, especially against strange men with packages for delivery.

The thief watches until he sees a package delivered. He waits until the messenger has disappeared and then, carrying a worthless package he has made up for the occasion, boldly rings the bell of the house where the supposed valuable parcel was delivered, remarks to the answering maid that the wrong parcel was delivered by mistake and hands over the "right" one.

The unsuspecting maid-nine times out of ten the one who received the first package goes and fetches it, and gives it in exchange for the one the man has just brought.

While waiting for such opportunities as this the thieves busy themselves with tricks, which, though old, are still profitable. Provided with "dummy" packages properly addressed and apparently having come by express from a distance, they deliver the same, collect alleged "express charges" and are out of sight before the fraud is detected.

The thieves are real experts in their line, and have various schemes. They do not hesitate to represent themselves as from well-known houses. They have been known to wear imitation uniforms.

Yale Gets All of the Marsh Estate. New Haven, Dec. 15.—The contest brought by Robert H. Waters against the will of his uncle, the late Professor Oriniel C. Marsh, of Yale, has been settled. A decree was entered to-day upholding the will, by which the entire estate, worth nearly \$100,000, goes to Yale.

WOMAN DROVE AND WON TROTTER RACE FOR A BET.

Mrs. Prindle, Backed by Her Husband, Showed Rare Skill and Captured a Big Wager.

They were talking of skilled race drivers in John Prindle's hotel, at New Brunswick, N. J.

"My wife Jessie knows more about driving than any man in this town," boasted Prindle. "I'll back her against any one in a race."

"Done!" said a prominent amateur horseman. The wager was posted and yesterday the race was trotted at the Highland Park track. Mrs. Prindle drove John Snodgrass's fast roadster "Blue Knot," harnessed to a pneumatic-tired sulky.

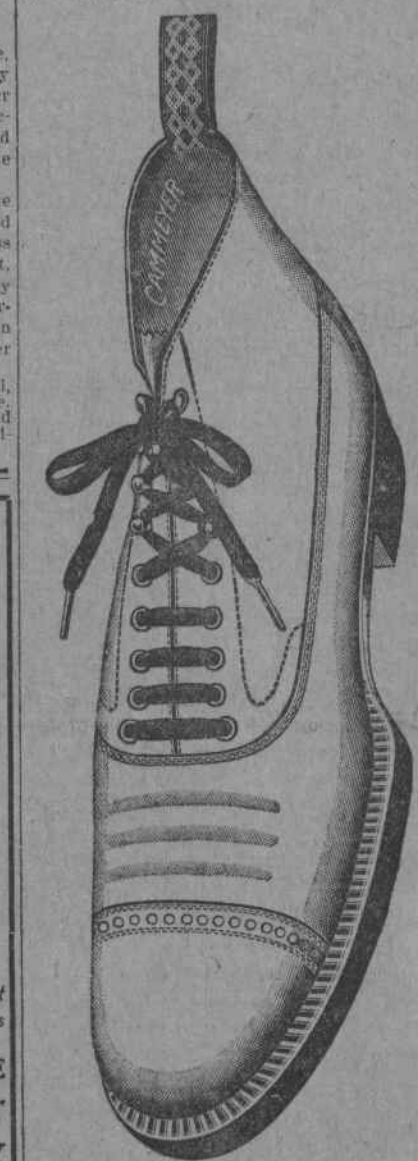
The fair driver showed her knowledge of racing by out-jockeying her rival for position at the start and won in straight heats. She did not resort to the whip, but with soft coaxing voice spurred her horse on to victory.

Mrs. Prindle became accustomed to handling trotting horses when her husband was a trainer. She never drove in a race before. The loser withholds his name.

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